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Tae-Eun PARK

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Group Art Unit No.: 3661

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For: AGV CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. ☒ Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:
 - 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
 - 1b. ☒ Copies of IDS citations.
 - 1c. ☒ A copy of a communication from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report.
 - 1d. ☒ English language translation (abstracts only) attached to each non-English language publication.
 - 1e. ☐ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of each non-English publication.
 - 1f. ☐ List of Co-pending Applications (PTO/SB/08b, attached hereto).
 - 1g. ☐ List of Additional Submitted Documents (PTO/SB/08b, attached hereto).
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 - 2a. ☐ Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a Continued Prosecution Application under §1.53(d);
 - 2b. ☐ Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application.

- 2c. ☒ Before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or
2d. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114.
3. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR §1.97(c) after the period specified in paragraph 2 above, but before the mailing date of any of a Final Office Action under §1.113, a Notice of Allowance under §1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, AND
(Check either Item 3a or 3b; Item 3b to be checked if any reference known for more than 3 months)
3a. ☐ The §1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; OR
3b. ☐ The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is:
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6. ☐ This is a continuation/divisional/continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).
(Check appropriate Items 6a and/or 6b)
6a. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were previously cited in prior application Serial No. ___, filed on ___, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject

application under 35 U.S.C. §120, have been omitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

- 6b. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. __, filed on __, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. §120, are provided herewith.

7. ☐ This is a continuation/divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(d) or Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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- 7a. ☐ The Issue Fee has not been paid.
7b. ☐ A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR §1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(d) or Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee is proper in accordance with 37 CFR §1.53(d)(1)(ii) or 37 CFR 1.114(a), respectively.

8. ☐ This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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- 8a. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on __. A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR §1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can be considered as if properly filed on __.
8b. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR §1.97 and 1.98, mailed __. (MPEP 609 C(1), Form & 6.49, Rev. 1, Feb. 2000, pp. 600-107)

9. ☒ In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:

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9b. ☐ set forth in the application.
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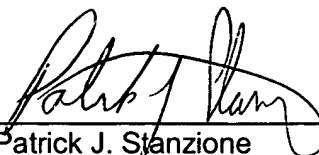
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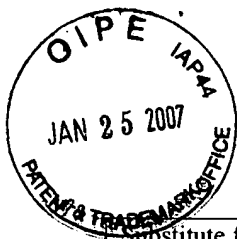
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